

## S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

## NPDES Phase II Small MS4 NPDES Storm Water Permit Authorization

NOTICE NUMBER: 16-919-R NOTICE DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

PROPOSAL: New NPDES Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (Small MS4)

permit authorizations for the Town of James Island (SCR031911) storm water discharges.

PERMIT APPLICANT: Town of James Island (ATTN: Bill Woolsey), PO Box 1240, James Island, SC, 29412

**DESCRIPTION:** The Small MS4 area designated for permitting is the area comprised of the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of James Island. MS4s are defined as a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) owned or operated by a State, city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body. The Town of James Island is a first time applicant small MS4 based on its inclusion in the Charleston-North Charleston, SC Urbanized Area (as defined by the 2010 US Census). The number of major and minor outfalls discharging from this small MS4 will be determined by November 1, 2018. The draft certificate of coverage, the permit implementation schedule and the fact sheet can be seeing on the DHEC site:

## http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/

Public Comment Purpose: On Wednesday September 14, 2016 SCDHEC issued Public Notice #16-919-R with a 30-day comment period ending on October 14, 2016. Permittees are required to develop and implement a robust Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) including components such as: Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts, Public Involvement / Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control, Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff Control and Pollution Prevention/ Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations. For storm water discharges to water bodies subject to total maximum daily loads (TMDL), monitoring must demonstrate compliance with waste load allocations (WLA). For waters that are not subject to a WLA, the goal is to ensure that storm water discharges do not cause or contribute to excursions of water quality standards. The Department is seeking comments on this preliminary finding. In accordance with the Section

D.(2), Anti-degradation, of the State Water Quality Standards, this notice provides public participation and intergovernmental coordination for this decision.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT DETAILS:**

- Written comments <u>must be received no later than COB on Friday, October 16, 2016</u>

**How To Comment?** Written comments must be sent to the attention of: Arturo R. Ovalles, SC DHEC; Dam Safety and Stormwater Permitting Division, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, Telephone: 803/898-4178, Facsimile: 803/898-7344. The certificate of coverage number, SCR031911, or the notice number, 16-919-R, should be placed at the top of the first page of comments.

**MORE INFO?** DHEC's project file is available for review free of charge. Copies can be made for a \$0.25 fee per page by contacting the Freedom of Information Office (2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, 803-898-3882 / Fax: 803-898-3816).

MISCELLANEOUS: DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues (please contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues). All people commenting will receive a response to comments when DHEC makes a permit decision. Additional information regarding adjudicatory hearings is available from the Legal Office at the above Department address or by calling 803/898-3350.